1	2	3	4	5
6.	Sports Promotion Programme	30	10,000	3,00,000
7.	Cultural Programme	30	4,000	1,20,000
	Total	210	51,125	15,33,750

Bridges at Jolakiasuti, Assam

1805. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for construction of a bridge at Jolakiasuti area of Dhemaji District of Assam on N.H. 52 was taken up during Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, since when the matter is pending for implementation;

(c) the reasons for delay in construction of the bridge;

(d) the names of the organisation entrusted to implement the project; and

(e) the target fixed alongwith the fund allocated during 1996-97 for construction of the project?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Estimate for Jolakiasuti Bridge was sanctioned in 1988.

(b) Since 1988.

(c) The Contractor could not execute the work of the bridge proper due to disturbed conditions prevailing in that area.

(d) Assam PWD till March, 1996 and thereafter Border Roads Organisation.

(e) The proposals have to be revised for the changed site conditions and the project is targetted for completion by 2001.

Promotion in I.R.C.C.

1806. SHRI ANCHAL DAS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether I.R.C.C. R & P Rules were approved by MOST/D.O.P. and incumbent holding Company Secretary post got promotion/upgradation upto Secretary & GM (Admn.) only through CMD and IRCC Board without MOST/D.O.P. approval;

(b) what were the instructions and action taken on M/o Law, Justice and Company Affairs for "Profession misconduct" by IRCC;

(c) the date-wise details of officers taken loan for DDA, SFS Flats but not submitted documents to IRCC;

(d) the date-wise details of officers who are enjoying leased accommodation from corporation and HRA drawn by their wives in same station;

(e) whether incumbent involved in several cases have been made C.V.O.; and

(f) if so, give reasons/rules position for (a) to (e) above?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) In terms of Articles of Association of the Corporation, the Board of Directors are empowered to make byelaws from time to time, vary and repeal byelaws for the regulation of the business of the Corporation, its officers and servants. The R&P Rules of the Corporation were approved by the Board of Directors. No approval of DOP was taken. The Promotions/upgradation of all below Board level posts in the Corporation from time to time, including that of Secretary & GM (Admn.) have been made with the approval of the CMD/Board in the Corporation.

(b) No specific instructions of Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs on profession misconduct is available in Corporation records.

(c) There is no officer of the Corporation who has taken loan from IRCC during the last 5 years for purchase of DDA (SFS) flat.

(d) The following officers are enjoying leased accommodation from the Corporation. According to declaration given by them, their wives are not employed, and therefore, question of drawing HRA by them does not arise :

(i) Shri PC Chatterjee, Sr. Mgr. (Civil)

(ii) Shri ML Sharma, Manager (Civil)

(iii) Shri AK Mathur, Dy Manager (F&A)

In the above cases, the financial liabilities or the Corporation is restricted to the officers respective rent entitlement as per rules of the Corporation.

(e) No, Sir. The appointment of the present CVO in the Corporation is from 26.8.96 and the same is duly cleared by the Central Vigilance Commission.

(f) Rule position has been indicated in above parts.

[Translation]

Charging of Extra Money from Passengers

1807. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any complaint has been received regarding charging extra money from passengers for issuance of O.K. tickets by the booking agents in connivance with employees of Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received in four metro cities i.e. Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai during the last two years and the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Terrorists attack on Military in Assam

1808. SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the terrorists have launched attacks on the military in Assam during the last three months;

(b) if so, whether some soldiers have lost their lives in above attacks;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government have taken any action on it as yet;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (e) In the recent past a number of incidents have taken place in Assam in which Security Forces have been targetted by militants. During the past three months, 25 Army personnel have been killed and 24 injured in such attacks. The Army has been undertaking counter insurgency operations in the State in conjunction with para military forces. During this period, in encounters with the Army 41 militants/suspects were killed and 755 militants/suspects apprehended. The operations are still continuing.

[English]

By Pass on N.H. 31

1809. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received complaints from MP stating that authorities concerned with construction of by pass on National Highway No. 31 from Falakata to Pundibari in West Bengal and a bridge over River Torsha have been misleading him;

(b) whether the main delay is due to the non-providing of funds regularly to State Government for this project, if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details of funds provided, year-wise;

(c) whether this type of delay in progress has doubled/trippled the cost of project, which is in other words loss of Government revenue and avoidable increase of exchequer on Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay and action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Some Members of Parliament have written for the early completion of this project.

(b) Funds are allocated to States on Lump sum basis depending on overall availability of funds for NH Sector and work-wise distribution is left to the State Government Allocation of funds, including Externally aided projects, during the last five years to the Government of West Bengal vis-a-vis fund allotted to this work by State Government is given beblow :

Year	(Rs. in lakhs) Allocation of fund to Govt. of West Bengal	(Rs. in lakhs) Funds allotted to the work by State Government
1993-94	3500.00	127.57
1994-95	3987.00	203.62
1995-96	3810.00	577.20
1996-97	3608.00	543.22
1997-98 (Amount allocated)	8200.00	700.00 (likely)

(c) and (d) Road work in realignment is progressing as per target. Slow progress of the bridge is due to some dispute on escalation of rates between the Contractor and the State PWD. State Government has been advised suitably to sort out the dispute to expedite the construction of the bridge.

Allocation by NLM

1810. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Literacy Mission has sanctioned Rs. 4.47 crores to Guntur District for its post literacy programme of phase-I and total literacy drive of phase-II;

(b) if so, whether Guntur is the only district in Andhra Pradesh or in the country to get the amounts proposed by the administration and sanctioned by the NLM;

(c) whether the Guntur District has achieved the literacy better than any other districts in the State; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the amount is likely to be spent and the total literacy proposed to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The Project Approval Committee of the National Literacy Mission Authority which considered the Post Literacy proposal and cleared it in principle to cover